(b) the names and designations of the Professors/Readers posted in Delhi/Hyderabad and other Centres from whom such undertakings have been taken on the behest of acting director, togetherwith the names of the Centres where juniors are incharge; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (c) No such undertaking has been taken from any of the Senior Professors/Readers in the Central Hindi Institute, Agra for any Centre. Only onc Professor. Dr. Krishan Kumar Goswami who is retiring on 31 -7-2002 requested for transfer to the Delhi Centre, himself submitted an undertaking that he would not claim the right to be incharge of the Delhi Centre.

The Delhi and Hyderabad Centres are the two Cejitres not headed by the senior most Professors posted there.

Neglect of Social Science in Universities

2053. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that social science is being neglected and marginalized in Universities and natural sciences, engineering and other trade-based sciences are growing at the cost of the other;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any agenda to declare as. or set up more Universities, as Central Universities;

(d) whether the Utkal University occupies a strategic place and has the potential to be declared as Central University; and

(e) if so. the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) to (e) National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986. as modified in 1992, lays emphasis on consolidation of facilities, rather than on their expansion. Programme of action. 1992 also directs that given the severe constraint of

resources, the Govt, should exercise restraint in setting up more Central Universities. In view of this,.the Central Government is not in favour of setting up of new Central Universities/converting the existing Universities into Central Universities. At present, there is also no proposal to convert the Utkal University into a Central University.

Raids on KV Offices in Bhopal

2054. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI had raided the offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya number 1, Bhopal, last month, following complaints of numerous irregularities;

(b) if so, the details of the irregularities and the complaints looked into;

(c) whether action has been taken against any officer by CBI or KVS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (A) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details of the case have not yet been received from the CBI. The information will be placed on the Table of the House after getting the same from them.

PROMOTION OF LITERACY

2055. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what new initiatives have been taken by Government so far to enhance literacy rate and to reduce gap in male and female literacy rate in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that country's literacy rate has been enhanced to 63.58 per cent and female literacy is up by 14.8 per cent;

(c) if so, whether any special focus has been given on promotion of literacy among adult women, Scheduled Castes/Tribes and Backward Classes in the country; and

(d) whether Government have any schemes to utilise the services of recently retired TGTs/B.Eds in Union Territories/States like Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa?